

**CRIMINAL DOCKET
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

No. 68-CR-58

D. C. Form No. 100A Rev.

TITLE OF CASE	ATTORNEYS
THE UNITED STATES vs. Reecil Wayne Gravitt, Gale Kenneth Nipp and Eldridge H. Bishop, (True Name: Eldridge M. Bishop)	For U. S.: James E. Ritchie, J. Jerry Dickman (Gravitt) Martin, Logan, Moyers, Martin & Conway, 920 Natl. Bank of Tulsa Bldg., Tulsa 74103 George Briggs (Gravitt) Triangle Bldg., Pawhuska 74056 Elmore A. Page (Bishop) Mayo Bldg., 74103 Mickey D. Wilson (Nipp) Center Bldg., 74119

STATISTICAL RECORD	COSTS	DATE	NAME OR RECEIPT NO.	REC.	DISB.
J.S. 2 mailed 4-30-68	Clerk	5-24-68	Page	5 00	5 00
J.S. 3 mailed 5-31-68 (2)	Marshal	5-31-68	CD 51	5 00	5 00
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Title 18		6-6-68	CD 52		5 00
Sec. 472 and 2, 370					
473 and 2, 371					

DATE	PROCEEDINGS
4-10-68	Indictment, filed. e
4-10-68	Record vote of Grand Jury, filed. e
4-10-68	Bail set at \$10,000.00 each. Warrants Issued. e
4-12-68	Appearance bond of Reecil Wayne Gravitt, amount \$10,000.00, United Bonding Insurance Company, surety, filed. e
4-12-68	Order specifying methods and conditions of release, filed. e
4-15-68	Return on warrant for arrest filed. Executed by arresting Reecil Wayne Gravitt, at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, on 4-11-68. Bond set at \$10,000. ds
4-15-68	Return on warrant for arrest, filed. Executed by arresting Eldridge Bishop at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on 4-11-68. Bail made of \$10,000.00. ds
4-15-68	Petition for writ of Habeas Corpus Ad Prosequendum as to defendant Gale Kenneth Nipp filed. h
4-16-68	Appearance Bond of Eldridge M. Bishop, in the amount of \$10,000.00, filed; surety - The Summit Fidelity & Surety Company. (Pete King)
4-16-68	Order specifying methods and conditions of release of Eldridge M. Bishop, filed. b
4-16-68	Order granting writ of habeas corpus ad prosequendum as to defendant Gale Kenneth Nipp, filed. (AEB-J) Writ issued. w

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DATE	PROCEEDINGS
4-17-68	Petition for writ of habeas corpus ad prosequendum as to Reecil Wayne Gravitt, filed. ds
4-17-68	Order granting writ of habeas corpus ad prosequendum, filed. (AEB-J) ds writ issued.
4-18-68	Return on writ of habeas corpus, filed. Returned unexecuted as subject is on bond. ds
4-18-68	Defendants each present in person and Reecil Wayne Gravitt represented by John D. Harris & Eldridge H. Bishop represented by Elmore Page (Thomas D. Frasier not present). Defendant Eldridge H. Bishop pleads a true name of Eldridge M. Bishop. Defendants arraigned, receive copies of the indictment and defendant Reecil Wayne Gravitt enters a plea of NOT GUILTY, as to Counts 1, 2, & 3 for jury trial on May 13, 1968, docket. Attorney for defendant Reecil Wayne Gravitt requests FBI investigatory sheet as to defendant, request granted. Bond of the defendant Reecil Wayne Gravitt fixed in the amount of \$25,000 Corporate Surety Bond. Defendant Eldridge M. Bishop arraigned and enters pleas of NOT GUILTY as to Cts. 1, 2 & 3 of the indictment and case set for jury trial on the May 13, 1968, docket. Defendant Bishop granted 10 days in which to file motions; govt. granted 3 days in which to respond. (AEB-J)h
4-19-68	Motion of defendant, Reecil Wayne Gravitt, to reduce bond, filed. w
4-19-68	Defendant Reecil Wayne Gravitt's brief in support of motion to reduce bail, filed. w
4-20-68	Bond of the defendant, Reecil Wayne Gravitt, in the sum of \$25,000.00, filed - surety - United Bonding Insurance Company (Bill Feath - Attorney in Fact)
4-20-68	Order specifying methods and conditions of release of Reecil Wayne Gravitt, filed. b
4-22-68	Order filed that motion of defendant to reduce bond is moot and said motion is hereby denied. (Allen E. Barrow-Judge-Jh copies mailed counsel.
4-23-68	Petition for writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum for Dors Lee Hill, filed. w
4-23-68	Order granting writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum for Dors Lee Hill, filed. (AEB-J) w Writ issued. w
4-24-68	Petition for writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum for Robert C. Berry, filed. w
4-24-68	Order granting writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum for Robert C. Berry, filed. (AEB-J) w Writ issued. w
4-24-68	Petition for writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum for Paul Lawrence, filed. w
4-24-68	Order granting writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum for Paul Lawrence, filed. (AEB-J) w Writ issued. w
4-29-68	Motion of defendant Eldridge H. Bishop for disclosure of matters occurring before the grand jury, filed. w
4-29-68	Motion of defendant Eldridge H. Bishop for inspection, filed. w
4-29-68	Motion of defendant Eldridge H. Bishop for bill of particulars, filed. w
4-29-68	Motion of defendant Eldridge H. Bishop to dismiss, filed. w
4-29-68	Motion of defendant Eldridge H. Bishop to strike, filed. w
4-30-68	Defendant Gale Kenneth Nipp present in person and not represented. Mickey D. Wilson court appointed for arraignment only. Elmore Page to notify court if he is retained by defendant. Defendant arraigned, receives copy of indictment, waives reading, and enters a plea of NOT GUILTY, as to Counts 1, 2, & 3. Defendant granted 10 days to file motions. Case set for Jury Trial on May 13, 1968 docket. (AEB-J)(Steve Allen-CSR)w
5-1-68	Memorandum brief in support of defendant Eldridge H. Bishop's motion to dismiss, with memorandum brief in support of defendant Eldridge H. Bishop's motion for a bill of particulars attached, filed. w
5-1-68	Ordered by the Court that this case is set for hearing on motions and jury trial as to each of the defendants on Monday, May 13, 1968 at 9:30 A. M., before Honorable Luther Bohanon, Judge. (Allen E. Barrow - Judge) b

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DATE	PROCEEDINGS
5-7-68	Response by government to motions of Eldridge M. Bishop, defendant, filed. w
5-7-68	Motions of defendant Gale Kenneth Nipp, filed. b
5-7-68	Response of United States to motions of Gale Kenneth Nipp, filed. b
5-9-68	Hearing held on motions. Defendants present and represented. Motions of defendant Bishop for disclosure of matters occurring before the grand jury, for inspection, for bill of particulars, to dismiss and to strike are each overruled. Defendant Gravitt granted leave to file motion for severance in open court, out of time, and it is overruled. Defendants Gravitt and Nipp granted permission to adopt motions of Bishop. Attorney Harris' request to withdraw as counsel for Gravitt granted, and he will be replaced by attorney George Brigg. (AEB-J)h
5-9-68	Defendant Bishop's motion to dismiss filed. h
3-14-68	Subpoenas returned and filed: served Floyd Jordan and Frank Thurman at Tulsa County Courthouse on 5-14-68. g
5-13-68	Case tried to a jury as to each defendant on May 13 and 14, 1968, Verdicts ordered received, read and filed - finding Reecil Wayne Gravitt GUILTY as charged in Count 3; finding Gale Kenneth Nipp GUILTY as charged in Counts 1, 2 and 3; finding Eldridge M. Bishop GUILTY as charged in Count 1, 2 and 3. Jury polled, all answered "Yes" as to it being their verdicts. Defendants each adjudged GUILTY as charged. Bond of defendant Reecil Wayne Gravitt raised to \$35,000.00; and bond of the defendant Eldridge M. Bishop raised to \$25,000.00, and they are granted until 12:00 o'clock Noon to post new bonds; and sentencing of defendants is passed until Monday, May 20, 1968 at 9:30 A. M. (Luther Bohanon - Judge) (FS-CSR) b
5-14-68	Trial exhibits filed. (Government's #2 (counterfeit) in safe). b
5-15-68	Ordered by the Court that the sentencing of the defendants is re-set for Tuesday, May 21, 1968 at 9:30 A. M. (Luther Bohanon - Judge) b
5-14-68	Defendants' requested instruction No. 1, filed
5-15-68	Return on subpoena to testify, filed. Served Charles C. Alfred and John Barton at Clarksville, Tenn, on 4-22-68. (\$14.64) (\$3.00). Served Robert H. Walker at Cairo, Illinois, on 4-24-68. (\$38.76)ds
5-21-68	Motion for a new trial by defendant Eldridge H. Bishop, filed. w
5-21-68	Brief in support of defendant Eldridge H. Bishop's motion for new trial, filed. w
5-21-68	Motion for judgment of acquittal by defendant, Eldridge H. Bishop, filed.w
5-21-68	Defendants present and represented; government represented. It is ordered that deft. Gravitt's motion for new trial with brief filed in open court, and adopted by Nipp and Bishop is overruled. It is ordered that motion of deft. Bishop and adopted by Nipp and Gravitt for new trial and motion for judgment of acquittal are overruled.
	Judgment and Sentence - Reecil Wayne Gravitt (Age 25)
	Att. Gen. - Five (5) Years (Ct. 3)
	The Court fixes supersedeas bond for deft. Gravitt in amt. of \$50,000.00
	Judgment and Sentence - Gale Kenneth Nipp (Age 43)
	Ct. 1 - Att. Gen. - Fifteen (15) Years
	Ct. 2 - Att. Gen. - Ten (10) Years, to run concurrently with sentence imposed in Ct. 1
	Ct. 3 - Att. Gen. - Five (5) Years, to run consecutive with sentence imposed in Cts. 1&2.
	It is further adjudged that sentence imposed in Cts. 1,2&3 shall run consecutive to sentence now serving in the U.S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga.
	The Court fixes supersedeas bond for deft. Nipp in amt. of \$50,000.00.

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5-21-68	<p>Judgment and Sentence - Eldridge M. Bishop (Age 45) Ct. 1 - Att. Gen. - Fifteen (15) Years Ct. 2 - Att. Gen. - Ten (10) Years, to run concurrent with sentence imposed in Ct. 1 Ct. 3 - Att. Gen. - Five (5) Years, to run consecutive with sentence imposed in Cts. 1&2</p> <p>It is further adjudged that sentence imposed in Cts. 1,2&3 shall run consecutive to sentence imposed by District Court of Tulsa County, Tulsa, Okla., as yet unserved. If State of Okla. authorities don't take custody, Federal authorities will.</p> <p>The Court fixes supersedeas bond for deft. Bishop in amt. of \$50,000.00. Defendants advised of right to appeal. Deft. Nipp announces desire to appeal. (LB-J)(FS-CSR)w</p>
5-21-68	Order of J&C filed and entered. (LB-J)w
5-21-68	Two c/c of J&C delivered to USM. w
5-24-68	Notice of appeal of Eldridge M. Bishop, filed. w cpies to Page & Ritchie.
5-24-68	Statement of docket entries with cpy of notice of appeal sent to USCA. g
5-24-68	Defendant Nipp's petition and affidavit for leave to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 USCA 1915, filed. w
5-24-68	Notice of appeal of Gale Kenneth Nipp, filed. w cpy. to J. Ritchie.
5-24-68	Statement of docket entries and cpy of notice of appeal to USCA. g
5-31-68	Notice of appeal of Recil Wayne Gravitt, filed. e cpy to J. Ritchie.
6-10-68	Return on writ of habeas corpus, filed. Executed by delivering witness Paul Lawrence to Tulsa, Okla. and back to Chicago, Ill. w
6-11-68	Order granting Gale Kenneth Nipp leave to prosecute appeal in forma pauperis, filed. (Luther Bohanon, Judge) cpy to Mickey D. Wilson. g
6-17-68	Return of Writ of Habeas Corpus Ad Testificandum, filed. js
6-26-68	Writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum returned, filed - Robert C. Berry taken into custody at U. S. Pen, Leavenworth, Kansas on 5-2-68 and transported to Rogers Co. Jail, Calumet, Oklahoma and Tulsa Co. Jail at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and on 6-22-68 to U. S. Pen, Terre Haute, Indiana. b
6-28-68	Motion To Increase Amount of Bond, Filed. by Asst. U.S. Atty. Ritchie. js
7-1-68	Return of Judgment & Commitment, Defendant Bishop delivered on 6-28-68 to U.S. Pen. at Leavenworth, Kansas, filed. js
7-1-68	Return of Judgment & Comitment, defendant Reecil W. Gravitt delivered on 6-28-68 to U.S. Pen. at Leavenworth, Kansas, filed. js
7-1-68	Return of Judgment & Comitment, defendant Gale K. Nipp delivered on 6-28-68 to U. S. Pen. itentiary Atlanta, Ga., filed. js
7=1-68	Return of Writ of Habeas Corpus Ad Prosequendum on Glae Kenneth Nipp, Deft. return from U.S. Penitentiary to Okla. City on 4-29-68 and return to U.S. Penitentiary Atlanta, Ga. on 6-23-68, filed. js
7-1-68	Hearing held on deft. Bishop's appeal bond. Deft. Bishop's response to govt's motion to increase amt. of bond filed in open court. Govt's motion to increase amt. of bond is denied; bond shall remain at \$50,000 and Ct. permits the use of two bonding companies; Court Clerk shall approve bond & sureties. Deft. Bishop is required to submit himself to supervision of probation office with certain restrictions. Plaintiff to prepare order for deft. Bishop & 2 sureties to sign & Marshal to bring deft. Bishop from Leavenworth. Deft's motion filed and order signed in open court for extension of time to 8-10-68 to file & docket record of appeal as to all defendants. (FS-CSR)(LB-J)w
7-2-68	Order overruling motion to increase amount of bond as to Eldridge M. Bishop, directing the defendant to be released upon posting supersedeas bond in amount of \$50,000.00, and directing Marshal to return defendant Bishop from place of incarceration to make bond, filed. (Luther Bohanon, Judge)g cc to Marshal.

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DATE	PROCEEDINGS
7-11-68	Appearance Bond on appeal of Eldridge m. Bishop, amount \$25,000.00; surety - United Bonding Insurance Company, filed. (George Shaner) b
7-11-68	Appearance Bond on appeal of Eldridge M. Bishop, amount \$25,000.00; surety - The Summit Fidelity & Surety Company, filed. (Pete King) b
7-11-68	Order specifying methods and conditions of release, filed. b
7-19-68	Order returned and filed. Executed by taking into custody Eldridge M. Bishop and transporting him from Leavenworth, Ks. to Tulsa Co. jail and releasing him to custody of U. S. Marshal on 7-10-68, by US Marshal of Western District of Texas. ds
8-8-68	Order extending time to file and docket appeal to Sept. 23, 1968, filed. g (LB-J)
9-19-68	Order extending time to file and docket appeal to Oct. 28, 1968, filed. (LB-J)g copies to counsel and USCA.
10-17-68	Order extending time to file and docket appeal to Nov. 25, 1968, filed. (LB-J)g copies to counsel and USCA.
11-21-68	Court Reporter's transcript (orig. + 2 copies) of trial proceedings, motion for new trial and sentencing, filed. (Sickles, Rptr.)g
11-21-68	Order extending time to file and docket appeal to 12-6-68, filed. (LB-J)m
12-6-68	Record on appeal forwarded to USCA, Denver. g
3-13-69	CC of Order of USCA on 2-14-1969, dismissing appeal as to defendant Reecil Wayne Gravitt, filed. g
4-21-69	Motion to Require Defendant to Submit to give his Fingerprint and Palmprint Specimen and brief filed by government. (Defendant Bishop)h
6-12-69	Application of defendant Reecil Wayne Gravitt for reduction or modification of sentence, filed. m
6-12-69m	Brief in support of Reecil Gravitt's application, filed. m
6-19-69	Hearing held on govt's motion to require deft. Bishop to submit to give his fingerprint and palmprint specimen and motion granted. Deft. Bishop to submit himself to U.S. Marshal for fingerprints within
6-19-69	5 days, and if he doesn't, Court will raise supersedeas bond. (LB-J)m
6-19-69	Hearing held on defendant Gravitt's application for reduction or modification of sentence. Court orders that sentence be modified to
6-19-69	read that sentence be imposed under 4208(a)(2) and government to prepare order. (LB-J)m
6-24-69	Order modifying and correcting sentence, filed and entered, that deft. be committed to custody of the Atty. Gen., for imprisonment for a period of 5 years under the provisions of Title 18, USC, Sec. 4208(a)(2). (LB-J)m
1-15-70	Certified copy of Mandate of USCA as to Eldridge M. Bishop, filed. Judgment of 5-21-1968 affirmed; and defendant Bishop directed to surrender to U. S. Marshal within 10 days. Notice to Bishop, Elmore Page and bondsmen. g
1-21-70	Mandate as to Eldridge M. Bishop recalled by USCA, 10th Circuit.
1-21-70	Mandate returned. g
1-23-70	Certified Copy of Order recalling mandate as to Eldridge M. Bishop pending certiorari application, filed. g
2-12-70	Certified copy of Mandate and Opinion of USCA, 10th Circuit, affirming the judgment of 5-21-1968 as to Gale Kenneth Nipp, filed and spread of record. g
4-14-70	Certified copy of Mandate and Opinion of USCA, 10th Circuit, affirming judgment of 5-21-1968, as to Eldridge M. Bishop, and directing the defendant Bishop to surrender to U. S. Marshal within 10 days. Notice to Bishop, Elmore Page and bondsmen. g

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DATE	PROCEEDINGS
4-23-70	Motion of Eldridge M. Bishop for reduction of sentence, filed. b
5-12-70	Return on J&C filed. Defendant delivered on 4-24-70 to Tulsa Co. Jail, Tulsa, Okla, and on 5-2-70, delivered to U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. ds
6-15-70	Hearing held on deft. Eldridge M. Bishop's motion for reduction of sentence. Deft. not present but represented. Ruling held in abeyance & Court will enter an order. (LB-J)m
7-10-70	<p>Order Reducing Sentence filed and entered. Pursuant to Rule 35 Judgment and Sentence of May 21, 1968 is modified to read: J&S- <u>Eldridge M. Bishop.</u></p> <p>"It is adjudged that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representative for imprisonment for a period of</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Count One- Ten (10) years</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Count Two- Ten (10) years</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Count Three-Five (5) years</p> <p>It is adjudged that the sentence imposed in Cts 1&2 run concurrently with each other, or a total of 10yrs.</p>
	<p>It is adjudged that the sentence imposed in Ct. 3 run concurrently to sentence imposed in Cts 1&2.</p> <p>It is further adjudged that the sentence imposed by the District Court of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, has been vacated, set aside and held for nought and, therefore, has no further application to this sentence." (LB-J)h</p> <p>Clerk ordered to mail certified copies of this Order to appropriate officials and agencies with a cc to defendant Eldridge M. Bishop, and atty, Elmore A. Page. x Copies mailedx h</p>
6-22-70	Petition for writ of certiorari by Kenneth Nipp denied by Supreme Court.
9-14-70	Application (letter) for reduction of sentence under Rule 35 of deft. Nipp, filed. m
9-14-70	<p>Order of 9-11-70 that plaintiff's exhibit No. 2, (consisting of about \$120,000.00 counterfeit \$100.00 bills) be returned to Patrick H. Steele, Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, filed. (Luther Bohanon-Judge)</p> <p>(Receipted for on bottom of above order) b</p>
9-16-70	<p>Order reducing sentence of Gale Kenneth Nipp, filed and entered, modified to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Count One - Ten (10) Years</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Count Two - Ten (10) Years</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Count Three - Five (5) Years</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sentence in Counts 1 and 2 run concurrently with each other, or a total of Ten (10) Years</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sentence imposed in Count 3 run concurrently to sentence imposed in Counts 1 and 2.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Adjudged that the defendant may become eligible for parole at such time as the Board of Parole may determine as provided in T. 18, USC Sec. 4208 (a)(2).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sentence imposed in Counts 1, 2 and 3 shall begin at the expiration of and run consecutively with the sentence he is now serving in the U. S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(Luther Bohanon - Judge)b</p>
1-29-71	<p>Order of sentence under provisions of title 18 U.S.C. Sec. 4208(a)(2), as to deft. Eldridge M. Bishop, filed, and ordered. Order concludes that sentence is imposed under provisions of T. 18, 4208(a)(2). (LB-J)m (copies deft, counsel, U.S. Atty, & c/c to warden at Leavenworth)</p>

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Clerk, U. S. District Court

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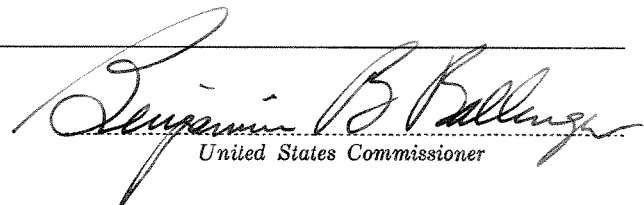
NOBLE C. HOOD
Clerk, U. S. District Court

DATE	
1968	The above defendant appeared before me the undersigned
Apr. 11,	U. S. Commissioner for the sole purpose of posting bond.
	Def't. was indicted by the Grand Jury at Tulsa, Oklahoma on
	4-10-68 for Violation of 18 U.S.C, Sec: 472,2- 473 & 371.
	Defendant posted bond and released. \$10,000.00 bond
	posted. SURETY; Pete King, Atty in Fact. 115. So. Boston,
	Tulsa, Oklahoma for The Summit Fidelity & Surety Co.

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